

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PHNOM 00401 071304Z

50

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SY-04 ORM-01 SR-02 AID-05 IO-10 SSO-00

NSCE-00 INRE-00 USIE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 /071 W

----- 079302

O P 071220Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8831

INFO CINCPAC HONOLULU HI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PHNOM PENH 401

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CB

SUBJECT: SEVENTH DAY OF KC DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 341

1. SUMMARY- FANK REINFORCEMENTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN LINKING UP WITH THE 7TH DIVISION COMMAND POST, BUT FIGHTING IN THE AREA CONTINUES TO BE HEAVY. POCHENTONG AIRBASE WAS SHELLED DURING THE NIGHTS OF JANUARY 6-7, WITH NO DAMAGE DONE, ALTHOUGH THE ROUNDS LANDED CLOSE TO THEIR TARGET. THE REFUGEES CREATED BY THE FIGHTING IN THE 7TH DIVISION AREAS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED JUST NORTH OF PHNOM PENH AND GKR AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICIALS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB CARING FOR THEM.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE 7TH DIVISION AREA NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, FANK REINFORCEMENTS, AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF HARD FIGHTING, AND WITH EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT, LINKED UP WITH THE DIVISION COMMAND POST ON JANUARY 7. THEY NOW ARE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PHNOM 00401 071304Z

PUSHING WESTWARD TOWARD THE LAST REMAINING SURROUNDED

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS. THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED BUT IS STILL TENSE. THE KC ARE STRONG IN THE AREA, FIGHTING IS HEAVY AND FRIENDLY POSITIONS ARE TAKING HEAVY INCOMING FIRE, PARTICULARLY THE DIVISION LOGISTICS BASE.

3. POCHENTONG AIRBASE WAS SHELLED FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY ALTHOUGH THE NATURE OF THE WEAPONS USED IS NOT YET CONCLUSIVE. A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 50 ROUNDS OF 107MM ROCKETS, POSSIBLE 105MM HOWITZERS, AND INCLUDING TWENTY-SEVEN 81 MM MORTAR ROUNDS LANDED VERY CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT, BUT AS WITH THE PREVIOUS NIGHT'S ATTACK (SEE REFTEL), CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

4. IN THE 2ND DIVISION AREA SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH, FANK FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS HAS REPORTED KILLING APPROXIMATELY 130 KC TROOPS.

5. THE KHMER AIR FORCE (KAF) CONTINUES TO OPERATE AT TOP CAPACITY, AND AS THESE REPORTS HAVE INDICATED, TO VERY GOOD EFFECT.

6 CONCERN IS GROWING AS TO THE SUPPLY OF FANK'S FUEL AND AMMUNITION. SHOULD THE MEKONG NOT BE OPENED SHORTLY, IT WILL BECOME NECESSARY TO BRING IN SUPPLIES BY C-130 AIRCRAFT.

7. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES NOW ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN GENERATED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE IS ABOUT 35,000, ALMOST 20,000 OF THEM FROM THE 7TH DIVISION AREA IN THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST. THESE LATTER REFUGEES ARE NOW ASSEMBLED IN CAMPS JUST NORTH OF PHNOM PENH AND ALONG ROUTE 5. FOOD DISTRIBUTION POINTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND GKR AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICIALS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB IN CARING FOR THEM.

DEAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COMBAT OPERATIONS, COMBAT ZONES, COMBAT CASUALTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 JAN 1975
Decapton Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PHNOM00401
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750006-0109
From: PHNOM PENH
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750172/aaaaclqd.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 PHNOM PENH 341
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <12 NOV 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SEVENTH DAY OF KC DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE
TAGS: MOPS, CB
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006